

## Legislative work—cont.'d

ing bill, Rep. Nunes expressed his support for the \$4 million included for the City of Visalia, California's Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility. In the letter, he urged that this provision remain in the bill. This funding will help build a bus operations and maintenance center to service City of Visalia buses and those of Tulare County. This project will replace a leased facility that is currently too small and inadequate to meet the expanding needs of the City's transit services.

The center will provide approximately 31,500 square feet of building space for bus administration, operations, and maintenance on 6.2 acres, and will accommodate the use of alternative fuels, automatic vehicle location and other technologies available to the transit industry. The facility will be able to handle at least 50 transit buses with plenty of room to expand. The total project cost is \$8.6 million.

### Crime

#### **Community Policing**

In a letter to Chairman Frank Wolf of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, Rep. Nunes expressed his continued support for two highly successful federal programs to control illegal drug use and production. The Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program has been an effective tool to help state and local agencies control violent and drug-related crime, improve operations, and build coordination and coop-

eration between all the components of the criminal justice system. Rep. Nunes requested that he maintain the \$500 million in the final appropriations bill.

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program has been a vital tool used to help states and local agencies fight crime and address security and safety concerns throughout their communities. Rep. Nunes requested that he support \$682 million for the COPS program

#### **Methamphetamine**

In a letter to Chairman Ernest Istook of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, Rep. Nunes expressed his continued support for the inclusion of a \$20 million increase in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) funding in the House version of Transportation-Treasury Appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

In addition, Rep. Nunes requested that the \$20 million increase in HIDTA funding remain in the final version of the bill. Increased HIDTA funding is critical to the fight against production and trafficking of methamphetamine.

#### Commemorative

#### **Chief Justice John Marshall**

Congressman Nunes co-sponsored H.R. 2768, the John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act. This commemorative coin would be issued to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Chief Justice John Marshall. As many know,

Chief Justice Marshall helped set many of the federal judicial precedents that the U.S. Supreme Court uses to this day, and his contributions in the area of Supreme Court decisions (such as *Marbury v. Madison*) set the course for a new country.

#### **Former Rep. James Hansen (R-UT)**

Former Rep. James Hansen (R-UT) served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1981 to 2003. Before leaving Congress he was the Chairman of the House Resources Committee of which Congressman Nunes is a member. Although Congressman Nunes did not have the opportunity to serve with Rep. Hansen, he recognizes all the great work that was accomplished during his time in Congress and agreed to co-sponsor H.R. 3147, which would rename one of the two federal buildings in all of Utah as the 'James V. Hansen Federal Building'.

#### **Celia Cruz, the "Queen of Salsa"**

Congressman Nunes recently sent to his colleagues about H.R. 3109, the Celia Cruz Commemorative Coin



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